

TAX ASSESSORS SEE HOPE IN DOWLING 10% RENT BILL

Want Landlords to Swear to
Value of Property Renting
at High Figures.

THEN THEY COULD ACT.

Would Result in Higher Assess-
ments and Keep Down
Tax Rate.

The demand by tax officials for a law requiring landlords to file sworn returns, showing the value and income of their property, has been brought to a focus by Senator Edward J. Dowling's bill aimed to base rent on the assessed valuation of property.

The danger of making the assessed value presumptive evidence of the valuation on which a landlord may draw interest, unless the landlord is compelled to file a sworn return each year, was one feature of the proposed rent law that aroused some concern among those interested in the housing problem.

A law to compel sworn returns annually has been sought in vain by Jacob A. Cantor, President of the Board of Taxes and Assessments. Although his interest in such a law is primarily because of its effect on problems of taxation, he believes that the housing situation would be helped if the special session of the Legislature would put it through now.

RAISING RENTS HAS A "COME BACK."

"Taxes are to run the Government, not to punish landlords," Mr. Cantor said. "Of course, if a landlord, by raising rents, increases the value of his property, we are justified in raising our assessed valuation. Sworn returns would enable us to know accurately about each parcel of property. We could tax a man on the full value of his property without, perhaps, working some injustice to his tenants by establishing a high value which he would want them to pay on."

Acting Corporation Counsel George P. Nicholson expressed no doubt as to the legality of regulating the management of tenements, or limiting the rate of return from them. He has some doubt of the legality of fixing values arbitrarily on the basis of assessed values.

"In condemnation proceedings, where the city takes property for public use," said Mr. Nicholson, "tax values are not admitted in evidence as indicating the value for which the city must pay. This is because the city, not the owner, fixes the assessed valuations. Assessed valuations might be made the basis of presumptive evidence of value, in the absence of other evidence, but only to that extent."

WOULD MAKE RAPACIOUS LAND-
LORDS GO SLOW.

How the basing of rents on assessed values would work out is shown roughly in one case from the files of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Protection, which is now considering the provisions for tenants of one corporation owning property in the Dryden section. The property is located at Nos. 22 to 24, inclusive, Post Avenue; Nos. 109 to 129, inclusive, Sherman Avenue; No. 584 Academy Street and No. 65 Vermilyea Avenue. It is owned by the Duluth Realty Company, operated by Julius and Edwin Bendheim. One of the tenants, who is a woman, has reported to the Mayor's Committee that his rent is to be raised from \$40 to \$50 on Oct. 1. The \$40 figure includes general rates already in effect. The spokesman states that his is an "average case" fairly representative of the other 357 tenants, and that the increase affects them all.

A \$50 rent from 358 tenants will produce \$211,500 per year. This would be a 10 per cent. return on \$2,115,000 actual value, or \$1,760,000 of assessed value under the present law. The Dowling bill, which provides that the assessed value, plus 20 per cent., shall be presumed to be the actual value. Yet this property is assessed at only \$524,000, less than half of the actual value. On the basis of the present assessed valuation which would be necessary to justify an income of \$211,500 per year, if a 10 per cent. return were made the maximum permitted by law. On the basis of the present assessed valuation the 358 tenants should pay about \$25 a month on the average to make a 10 per cent. gross revenue.

MORE CASES WHERE THE HIGH
COST SHOE WOULD PINCH.

Other cases in the Mayor's Committee files, taken at random, and which should interest the deputy tax assessors, follow:

Tenant at No. 414 West 120th Street reports to Mayor's Committee that Jacob & Livingston, No. 120 Broadway, demand \$115.50 for apartment renting for \$57.50. Rate of increase 100 per cent. Assessed value \$360,000. If increased in proportion to rental, 1921 taxable value would be \$520,000.

Tenant at No. 69 West 135th Street reports to Mayor's Committee that Sam Greenberg, 140 West 140th Street demands \$42 for apartment renting for \$37. Rate of increase 13.5 per cent. Assessed value \$17,500. If increased in proportion to rental, 1921 taxable value would be \$20,000.

Tenant at No. 624 West 207th Street reports to Mayor's Committee that Joseph Eisen demands \$30 for apartment renting for \$18. Rate of increase 25 per cent. Assessed value \$50,000. If increased in proportion to rental, 1921 taxable value would be \$62,500.

WASON MAKES RESTITUTION.
George W. Wason, former Treasurer of the Samaritan Hospital, Brooklyn, who pleaded guilty in the Kings County Court of grand larceny, has made complete restitution of \$10,000 of the funds of the institution which he misappropriated. It was announced yesterday Judge Haskell will be asked to take that into consideration in sentencing Wason to prison. He is married and has two children.

Selecting the Five Most Beautiful Women in United States Is Easy for Evening World Readers and Beauty Connoisseurs



JURORS ACQUIT BOY;
ONE GIVES HIM HOME

Young Alsatian Falsely Charged
With Attempted Burglary
Meets Good Fortune.

William Hart, seventeen years old, was not only acquitted to-day of a charge of attempted burglary in Brooklyn, but obtained a good home five minutes later.

Hart, whose father was killed fighting the Germans on the Western Front, and whose mother was killed in a bombing raid on their little village in Alsace-Lorraine, came to this country 18 months ago. He had shipped for America as a seaman and when his vessel arrived in Brooklyn he wandered off and got lost. When he found his way back to the pier the ship had sailed.

After that he obtained work as a waiter in the Y. M. C. A. in Brooklyn, making his home in a room at No. 193 Jerusalem Street. As several of the houses in the street are alike, he wandered into the wrong one two weeks ago and was arrested, charged with attempted burglary. The case came up to-day before Judge Haskell of the County Court, and after the jury had rendered its verdict, one of the jurors, Joseph Schwartz, of No. 44 Powell Street, asked the Court's permission to give the youth a home with him, which was granted.

JURY OF WOMEN SAVES NEWLYWEDS

First Time in Ohio Such Jury
Has Decided Case
In Court.

AKRON, O., Aug. 25.—State history was made in the little drab Municipal Court room of Judge A. F. O'Neill late yesterday when a jury of twelve women returned a verdict for the defendant in an evulsion case.

It is the first time a woman jury has ever passed on a legal case in Ohio, and one of the few women juries that have ever been impaneled in the country.

The decision of the jury saved a newlywed pair from being evicted from their home. Attorneys for the plaintiff said they would not appeal.

WOMAN DIES IN AUTO CRASH.

Salesman Who Had Inherited Her to
Ride Is Invited.

Frank W. Terry of No. 267 Central Avenue, Orange, salesman of the Richmond and Radnor Company, Manhattan, is being detained to-day because of a fatal accident last night.

Terry was driving home from Asbury Park and invited Mrs. Anne Truett and her daughter Florence, who were returning toward Danville, for a ride. When Terry's car crashed into a ditch last night, Mrs. Truett was thrown out and killed, and Terry and the daughter, Priscilla, detained as a material witness, said Terry tried to cross in front of the truck without warning.

SUSPECT HELD IN \$25,000.

Arrested After Burglary, Is Accused
of Possessing U. S. Sails.

Francis Hinkley, nineteen years old, who said he had no home, was arraigned to-day in Jefferson Market Court charged by Detective Gilkinson of the Mercer Street Station with suspicion of burglary. A cloth valued at \$20,000 was stolen from the factory of David Glick, No. 65 East 11th Street.

WHO ARE THE FIVE PRETTIEST GIRLS IN THE UNITED STATES?

Artist E. O. Hoppe, Who Selected England's
Beauties, Asks Evening World Readers to
Help Choose Five American Beauties.

ARE these five women the most beautiful in America? That's a hard question, isn't it? But it's up to the readers of The Evening World to help Mr. Hoppe, the celebrated artist-photographer, in his great task of selecting the five American Beauties. These women will represent the peerless American type, just as the five English beauties, who were selected by Mr. Hoppe, and whose pictures recently appeared in The Evening World, were examples of English feminine perfection.

Soon Mr. Hoppe will see the lists prepared for him by The Evening World and will start taking scores of photographs. From the mass of beauty he will try to select his American Beauties. Many art experts have declared positively that it will be impossible to select five as America's prettiest, because this country has hundreds who are eligible. But Mr. Hoppe is going to try, and Evening World readers must help.

There are three ways for readers to make known their opinions. They may send a list of their selections, or clip pictures which have appeared in newspapers. These clippings cannot be returned.

The third way is to send photographs. If you think your wife, sweetheart, sister, or you, yourself, are eligible—send the best photographs obtainable, after marking on the reverse side the name and the return address, to the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World, New York City. The American Beauties need not be society women; any woman in the country with the requisite beauty may qualify, and her photograph will receive equal consideration with the others.

The list of ten American Beauties in the order of their standing to-day, according to selections made by readers of The Evening World, is as follows:

1. Mrs. Lottie Hart.
2. Mrs. Peter Cooper Bryan.
3. Mrs. John Harrington.
4. Mrs. Angier B. Duke.
5. Mrs. Paul Tolson.
6. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
7. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
8. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
9. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
10. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.

To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World.

I am sure that the most beautiful woman in America are:

1. Mrs. Lottie Hart.
2. Mrs. Peter Cooper Bryan.
3. Mrs. John Harrington.
4. Mrs. Angier B. Duke.
5. Mrs. Paul Tolson.
6. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
7. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
8. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
9. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
10. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.

To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World.

I submit the names of five beautiful ladies:

1. Mrs. Juliette Kettering Kerr.
2. Mrs. Paul Tolson.
3. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
4. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
5. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.

To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World.

The following are my selections of the five prettiest women in the United States:

1. Miss Marie Martin.
2. Miss Helen Ferguson.
3. Miss John Harrington.
4. Miss Lottie Hart.
5. Miss Gladys McQuinn.

To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World.

Miss Osborne is one of the most beautiful girls I have ever seen.

MRS. C. WHITE.

To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World.

The following young women are unquestionably the most beautiful types of American womanhood:

1. Mrs. Lottie Hart.
2. Mrs. Peter Cooper Bryan.
3. Mrs. John Harrington.
4. Mrs. Angier B. Duke.
5. Mrs. Paul Tolson.
6. Mrs. John Milburn Rogers.
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To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World.

In connection with the naming of America's most beautiful women, which I have noticed with interest in your paper, I take pleasure in presenting the following list:

1. Mrs. Lottie Hart.
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3. Mrs. John Harrington.
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5. Mrs. Paul Tolson.
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To the American Beauty Editor, The Evening World.

Brooklyn Man Accused of Shielding
Prohibition Agent.

The Federal Grand Jury in Brooklyn today returned an indictment against Anthony Chrysty of No. 5723 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, for perjury. He is charged with false swearing in an effort to shield a Prohibition enforcement agent. He was held in \$2,500 bail by Judge Garvan for trial Oct. 6.

TWO HURT IN ROW IN JIMMY KELLY'S, DECLARES WOMAN LONG ISLAND SOUND

Swann and That Investigate
Policeman's Alleged Refusal
to Make Arrests.

The Complaint Bureau of the District Attorney's office has been asked to investigate the actions of policemen in the course of stickups in the basement restaurant at No. 294 Reister Street known as Jimmy Kelly's early yesterday morning. The place is much visited by taxi cab drivers from Broadway after the theatre.

Police records show that an ambulance was called to the place early yesterday by Policeman Kramer and that Dr. Snyder took to Volunteer Hospital Maxwell S. Murray of No. 28 West 12th Street with his scalp badly cut and with evidences of a fractured skull.

A woman who said she was the wife of one of the men (old Assistant District Attorney Stanchfield) that as the party, which included another woman besides herself, was leaving the place one of the men tendered a \$20 bill in payment for what had been furnished to them. No change was forthcoming and a request for it led to a fight, in which both men were beaten, she said. She declared she appealed to a policeman for help, but he refused to act. She was told to return and renew the complaint when her husband was able to accompany her.

Long Island Sound, a graveyard of wrecks, is regarded as an extremely profitable coal field at the very doors of New York and New England. Three salvaging equipments are about to be put to work capable of recovering 2,000 tons a day. Ships sunk during the war could yield 20,000,000 tons of coal.

LIMESTONE HEARING SET FOR NEXT WEEK

Inquiry Into Charges on New
Court House Contract to
Begin Tuesday.

The limestone contract figuring in the city's plan to erect a new Court House will be placed before the public for criticism and suggestions at a public hearing next Tuesday morning in the Municipal Building, according to an announcement to-day by David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts.

Mayor Hylan last week directed an inquiry into charges that the price of limestone was boosted when the city decided to use limestone instead of granite. Contractors admit that the prices asked are "high," but attribute this to the fact that this is a public job, awarded to the lowest bidder, and that the contractors are unable to bargain for a lower price.

The Board of Estimate solved, as it thought, the problem by setting aside \$1,000,000 for the purchase and operation of buses. The Mayor will now request the Board to ask for legislation empowering the city to spend the money it has already appropriated.

Mayor Hylan deplores the inconvenience to which Staten Island has been put, and shifts the blame to the railroad company and its "sympathizers" in and out of office. He says he will further urge the Board of Estimate to petition the Federal Court to permit the city to operate the abandoned lines of the Midland company.

The territory formerly served by the Midland Company ceased operation to-day.

JAPANESE AUTOIST HELD.
First of Race in Traffic Court
Accused of Driving While Intoxicated

Yamashita Gotoh, twenty-five, a student of No. 223 Riverside Drive, the first Japanese arrested since the opening of the Traffic Court on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated, was held in \$1,000 bail to-day by Magistrate Mangrove for trial in Special Session.

PRINCE DISCLOSED AS REAL DEMOCRAT AND POPULAR IDOL

Pittsburgh Roumanians Who
Present Trophy Hail Him
as a Good Mixer.

Prince Carol of Roumania was disclosed to-day as a real democrat, beloved by his people, when two young Roumanians extolled his praises after presenting a trophy to him.

Soon after he arose and before he had had luncheon—for the Prince preserves his fashionably slender figure by abstaining from breakfast—he was visited by Lieut. Dimitri Dem Dinanescu, military attaché of the Roumanian Consulate, Pittsburgh, and Sam Biotor, a steel worker from the Woodlawn district of that city.

The attaché presented Biotor, who, as spokesman for twelve Roumanian steel workers, presented a foot high bronze statuette, with the figures of two Boy Scouts running. This the Prince was requested to take with him to Bucharest to be offered as a trophy in athletic contests by the Boy Scouts of Roumania.

Prince Carol is head of the Boy Scouts of his country, President of the Associated Athletic Clubs and a keen sportsman, being interested particularly in winter sports. Lieut. Dinanescu said he had been a member of the Boy Scouts headed by the Prince seven years ago.

During the last two years of the World War the Lieutenant said he served under the Prince in the latter's company of the Vanatori de Munie (Hunters of the Mountains), the "Blue Devils" of Roumania. Prince Carol now is Colonel of that organization. He joined it, an infantry unit, because the wealthy and nobility usually chose cavalry or artillery units. Prince Carol desired to set an example to the titled and wealthy by joining the infantry. At the beginning of Roumania's participation the constitution forbade the Crown Prince from front line duty, but as the Roumanian reverses grew the Prince repeated that and in 1917 and 1918 served at the front, being active in the Transylvania campaign.

Lieut. Dinanescu said the Prince was greatly beloved by the Roumanians for his democratic ways. He does not dress any better than the majority of his subjects, with whom he mixes freely, often taking long walks unattended through the country, talking and eating with those he meets and often working in the fields, his identity unknown to his fellow workmen. He is interested greatly in child welfare. So anxious is the Prince to have his people well treated, said the Lieutenant, that he maintains an office in the palace where he receives all classes and hears all complaints. When he is convinced a wrong is done, he uses his influence to have it righted.

Princess Ghika of a titled Roumanian family, who is visiting friends in New York, called on the Prince this afternoon to pay her respects.

William Nelson Cromwell, who is chairman of the American-Roumanian Relief Committee, took the Prince away in his car for luncheon at the Cromwell home, No. 12 West 45th Street. With them were Gen. Gavascu, T. Tilleman Wells, Roumanian Consul in New York and M. Filador, Roumanian Minister to Washington.

It was announced to-day that the Prince would shop this afternoon and that he had no particular program. A box was reserved for him at the Republic Theatre for tonight's performance of "The Lady of the Lamp."

BOY VICTIM DIES AS CASE IS HEARD

Said He Was Shot Accidentally by
Electrician, Whose Bail
Is Recalled.

Word that Charles Ashkenas, 14, of No. 44 Attorney Street, Manhattan, had died at Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, was received at Adams Street Court just as John O'Connell, 22, electrician of No. 134 Dyckman Street, Brooklyn, who was reloading a pistol last night when the boy was shot in the left side, was held in \$2,000 bail for examination to-morrow on a felonious assault charge. O'Connell, who had displayed emotion in court, almost collapsed when the boy's death was announced.

Magistrate Dodge recalled the bail and O'Connell was locked up to face to-morrow a charge of homicide.

After Ashkenas died he declared the shooting was accidental.

AMERICANS BEHIND IN GYMNASTICS

Italy First, France Second and
Third in Individual Olympic
Contests.

ANTWERP, Aug. 25.—The final standing in the gymnastic team competition, European method, was: Italy, first, with 559.855 out of a possible 604 points; Belgium, second, with 548.760, and France, third, with 450.10.

APATHY AND ANTIS ATTITUDE OF NUTMEG WOMEN!

Many in Connecticut Are
Indifferent or Opposed to
Voting at All.

REST ARE REPUBLICAN.

Reflective of Sex Regard Use
of Ballot by Many With
Misgiving.

This is the fourth article of a series dealing with the political reactions of the passage of the Suffrage Amendment in New Jersey, Connecticut and Delaware. To-day's article begins a review of the situation in Connecticut.

Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

Wake up, Connecticut women!

In four words, that summarizes my impression of the political status quo of the women of the Nutmeg State, who by the action of Tennessee, thirty-sixth State to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment, are now enfranchised and will have the chance to vote this autumn in one of the most important elections since the foundation of the Republic.

I went to Connecticut feeling that its women citizens would be particularly delighted with their new duty and privilege of voting since I knew that many women had resented Gov. Holcomb's refusal to call a special session of the Connecticut Legislature, at which the Suffrage Amendment might have been ratified months ago. Perhaps the Governor's obduracy made the woman in the street feel it was hopeless to expect immediate participation in political affairs. Perhaps this hopelessness is the reason why, in too many instances, she takes little or no interest in these affairs.

The fact remains that there are too many women—and young women—in Connecticut who have just never thought about whether they want to vote, who giggle and shake their heads when you ask them their opinion of the League of Nations, who are unfranchised and contented. Also there are more out-and-out Antis in Connecticut than in New Jersey—Antis who even now say flatly that they will not vote.

Naturally, there are plenty of intelligent and thoughtful women who do not intend to be slackers at the polls. But these very women stoop to me with contemptuous looks at the sudden enfranchisement of ignorant and frivolous members of their sex, and I must say I found support for their misgivings in my survey of the women of their State.

Let's hope Connecticut women will read and study and think as never before in the next months remaining before Election Day.

Such political opinion as is sharply defined among the women is overwhelmingly Republican. Out of some forty I found, as I remember it, just one woman who was sure she would vote for the Democratic Presidential nominee.

Some others at present believe in the Republican manner, but they say they want to consider the issues and the nominees more fully before committing themselves. But the great majority is even militantly Republican in sentiment. Likewise are more out-and-out Antis or opposed to it, and keen for a Republican Administration on the ground that it will bring prosperity and good times.

This was the attitude of one of the first women I interviewed. She is Miss Martha Klumpp, the dark-haired, quiet-spoken young mother of a bakery in Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, just across from the station. "I think it's a splendid thing that women are going to vote, through the ratification of the Suffrage Amendment," she assured me warmly. "I believe in Woman Suffrage, and, of course, I don't want women to be expected to vote this year, after this not entering the list of the ratifiers. I shall vote in the fall, unless something comes up which would prevent the women of this State from doing

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